"I COUNT ALL THINGS LOSS"

"If any man come to me, and hate not…his own life…he cannot be my disciple" (**Luke 14:26**)

Reader, it's good for us to have family and friends – is it not? I love my family and friends – don't you?

But when our family and friend relationships interfere with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, well that needs to be done away and moved to the side. And why is that? Well our Lord declares, *"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple"* (Luke 14:26).

What does that mean? Does it mean we're to hate everyone? In no wise. Rather in comparison to the love of Christ, everything else must be put aside. You see, if *anyone* or *anything* interferes with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ –it's to be put away, indeed, it is to be put away with *vehement* hatred. So, what does that look like? What does that sound like?

I mean, how do I hate my now deceased father? Well, if I hear someone say that my dad was a good man, and that if anyone is in heaven, surely my dad is. I say that no one is good, no not one; and that if my dad is in heaven, it would be only by the merits of Christ's *blood* and *righteousness*. But if he died trusting in the filthy ruined rags of his good works, then there is no hope for him.

So how do I hate my own life? By God's grace, I say with another disciple of the Lord, *I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing* and *what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in Him* [Romans 7:18, Philippians 3:7-8].

My friend if you don't hate all creature righteousness (including your own also) Christ says to you – you can't be His disciple. Beloved, seek ye first first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (the perfect righteousness of our Lord and God Jesus Christ) and all these things (that you have need of) shall be added unto you [Matthew 6:33]. – **PASTOR**

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"Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name" (Psalm 119:132)

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Reader, do you know what the Father's will is? Our Lord and God Jesus Christ, the One sent of the Father into the world to save sinners declares *"this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day"* AMEN! (John 6:39-40).

WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it – you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

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Sovereign Grace Bible Conference
David Eddmenson, Milton Howard
February 26th, 27th, & 28th

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GRACE ARTICLES

Beloved, wait thou only upon God

"For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him" (**Ezra 8:22**)

A convoy on many accounts would have been desirable for the pilgrim band, but a holy shame-facedness would not allow Ezra to seek one. He feared lest the heathen king should think his professions of faith in God to be mere hypocrisy, or imagine that the God of Israel was not able to preserve His own worshippers. He could not bring his mind to lean on an arm of flesh in a matter so evidently of the Lord, and therefore the caravan set out with no visible protection, guarded by Him who is the sword and shield of His people. It is to be feared that few believers feel this holy jealousy for God; even those who in a measure walk by faith, occasionally mar the luster of their life by craving aid from man. It is a most blessed thing to have no props and no buttresses, but to stand upright on the Rock of Ages, upheld by the Lord alone. Would any believers seek state endowments for their Church, if they remembered that the Lord is dishonored by their asking Caesar's aid? as if the Lord could not supply the needs of His own cause! Should we run so hastily to friends and relations for assistance, if we remembered that the Lord is magnified by our implicit reliance upon His solitary arm? My soul, wait thou only upon God [Psalm 62:5]. "But," says one, "are not means to be used?" Assuredly they are; but our fault seldom lies in their neglect: far more frequently it springs out of foolishly believing in them instead of believing in God. Few run too far in neglecting the creature's arm; but very many sin greatly in making too much of it. Learn, dear reader, to glorify the Lord by leaving means untried, if by using them thou wouldst dishonor the name of the Lord. – **C.H. Spurgeon**